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MICHAEL AND THE SEVEN ARCHANGELS

MICHAEL! MICHAEL! MICHAEL! Lord of the
Archangels!
From the earnest souls of men does gratitude arise!
For Thy Heavenly Presence let all Earth adore Thee,
God from the Sun, in All that Name implies.

MICHAEL! MICHAEL! MICHAEL! Let defending Angels
From Thy Heavenly Legions, flood earth and sky and sea.
Purify! Illumine! Guard the God-free concept
Of Light's Perfection for all men to see.

GABRIEL and RAPHAEL! JOPHIEL and URIEL!
CHAMUEL and ZADKIEL! And all the Hosts of Light;
Cherubim and Seraphim! From the Heights of Glory
Rend human Veils! Stand forth to human sight!

(The above may be sung to the Hymn Tune: "Holy, Holy, Holy.")

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THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

(Archangel of Protection and Deliverance from Evil)

Of the Seven Beloved Archangels Who are the Messsengers of God, perhaps the best known and loved is the Lord of the Archangels, Prince Michael. Countless prayers to Him, with their attendant and immediate response, have drawn Him close to the peoples of Earth.

Golden of hair, with magnificent blue eyes, and an appearance of splendor, confidence and faith in God, Lord Michael has responded so often to the requirement of peoples upon the Earth who are caught up in the distresses of soul, mind and body.

He, of His own free will, chose to become the Guardian of the Faith of man in his God at the very beginning of mankind's embodiment on Earth. His Presence, or that of One of the Celestial Helpers Who are among His Legions, sweep Earthward to give assistance to anyone in distress.

At the time of passing from the Earth body (so-called death) Lord Michael has often carried the weary soul of the pilgrim on Earth in His Own arms to a place of rest and peace.

His Focus of Light and Shining Temple pulsates in the Etheric Realm in the Canadian Rockies, near Banff.* Here, many who are aware of this Focus come for the renewal of their Faith in God and find renewed encouragement to serve their fellowman upon the Earth.

Lord Michael has been depicted in many paintings, in numerous statues, in repeated stories of His spiritual prowess, and His Reality is more readily accepted by mankind than Some of His fellow Archangels. It is, therefore, easier to secure the assistance of Archangel Michael through the very belief and acceptance of Him by the mankind whom He lives to serve.

Once, long ago, as is told in the Bible, the Earth was pure and Its peoples innocent. They dwelt in a Garden of Eden and enjoyed the beauty, opulence and perfection which God had created for them. "And God looked upon His creation and said IT IS GOOD!"

Then, mankind, endowed with the gift of free will, chose to experiment with the use of their life (disobeying the law of God) and evil came forth from their minds, feelings, spoken words and actions. This is called by many "the fall of man".

When the "fall of man" took place, Lord Michael - seeing the travail and soul agony which would result from such dis-

obedience to God's Law of Harmony - began to prepare for His long and loving service to God's disobedient children. He fashioned out of His own thought a magnificent Sword of Blue Flame. He drew around Himself Legions of the Angelic Host to assist Him and He offered God His services until the very last of mankind had been redeemed and his sins expiated and he was returned to his God Estate. God, in His infinite Mercy, accepted the kind services of Lord Michael and His Helpers and ever since, Beloved Michael and His Angels have been serving mankind, imprisoned Angels, the elemental kingdom and every living thing, with but one thought in mind - preservation of the spiritual light in the soul and restoration of the desire for obedience to God's Law of *harmony* on Earth and in Its Atmosphere! Such love, such constancy, such protection, such kindness can be little understood by mankind, but all can and truly should thank the Beloved Archangel Michael and His Helpers for This Service rendered them and their loved ones throughout the ages.

By the bedside of a sick person, in the homes of those who suffer, in the great institutions where illness of mind and body are treated, there are always present the Legions of Lord Michael, helping to cut away the invisible cause and core of distress so that the soul may find freedom and happiness in God's service.

At many religious services, where the actual recognition of Lord Michael is given, His Radiant Presence pours down a shower of Faith and Love and Protection upon the communicants. The mere speaking of His Name draws His attention toward you and His help into your world.

When people pass from this Earthlife, they are often as deeply emmeshed in discord as when they lived in an Earthly body. Lord Michael, with His Own hands and flashing Sword of Blue Flame, cuts the bands that bind these so-called deceased peoples to the loved ones on Earth and allows the soul to rise to the Throne of the Father.

In many homes, where distress, discord and impurity have been emanated by the inhabitants (sometimes for centuries) the invocation to Lord Michael and His Helpers, will free those homes of all past impurity and allow the present inhabitants of that home to enjoy the beauty of the present rather than the heavy, depressing atmosphere of the past.

The secret thoughts, feelings and actions of mankind, as well as their rebellious outer expressions of discord, has created a

blanket of discordantly qualified energy around the Earth. This is called the psychic or astral realm. Within it dwell many invisible spirits and elementals who prey upon the credulous minds of those peoples of Earth seeking to know the Truth about their loved ones who have passed through the veil called death or seeking to pierce the hidden "mysteries" of life beyond the veil. Often, well meaning persons are caught up by the insidious influence of these invisible spirits whom they call "guides" and "messengers." It is the service of Lord Michael to free all such individuals from the influence of such malicious spirits who seek only to further their own ends, usually by appealing to their personal pride and ego. His Shining Presence will and does come to anyone so temporarily caught in the psychic realm and deliverance is immediate and permanent.

Also those who are caught in the habits of dope addiction, alcoholism and various other depravities of the flesh, have an Instant Deliverer in Lord Michael if they will invite Him to help them. Sometmes the individual, so caught in psychic conditions, does not want help. It is the privilege of those who know of Lord Michael to call to Him on their behalf and He will answer them. This call (prayer) need not be made aloud, nor even in the presence of the individuals requiring assistance, for the very mention of Deliverance sets up a resistance in the consciousness of the one who so needs aid. Wisdom and discrimination upon the part of those who see the need and desire the help of Lord Michael for themselves and others will help them to make such a call silently or audibly when they are alone. Thus the resistance of the outer mind, which is substance heavily charged with rebellion, is avoided.

Words cannot express the manifold services of the Great Prince, Lord Michael and His Divine Helpers, but invocation of His Heavenly Presence and Aid for all who invoke Him into their own worlds or that of their loved ones (whether they are on Earth or have passed through the veil called death) will prove His Reality and Power to give such assistance. Remember, because an individual has passed through the change called "death", he or she is also in need of prayer. Make a personal Friend of Lord Michael. Opportunity will present itself to you every day, as you see distress and limitations about you! Thus you will truly become one of the Helpers of this Selfless One by inviting His assistance in freeing all life everywhere from discord, disease,

limitation and distress. Beloved Heavenly Father and Thy Divine Messenger, Lord Michael!

We bless Thee for Thy Presence in this universe. We invoke the Presence of Lord Michael and His Legions of Light into the atmosphere of Earth to cut free every soul belonging to this evolution from all substance, energy, habits, qualities, tendencies and desires which are not of God!

We invoke Thy intercession on behalf of our loved ones who live beyond the veil of death. Go to them and cut them free from all Earthly bonds of greed, hate, avarice and distress. Take them to Thy Temple of Faith and teach them true Faith in God and inculcate in their hearts a desire to obey God's Holy Will.

We invoke Thy Presence into every institution of incarceration of every kind upon the planet Earth and into every home and place of worship. Dissolve the cause and core of all distress, individual, national and planetary. Help us, we beseech Thee, to learn to serve with Thee in removing the psychic and astral realm that lies like a "smog" upon and around the Earth. Take all dis-embodied spirits and elementals who have not yet learned to do God's Will from the atmosphere of Earth.

We ask Thee, Lord Michael, to meet our loved ones as they pass through the veil called death, and in Thy Own loving Arms, carry them to the Throne of God Himself.

Beloved Lord Michael, help us to want to do God's Will here on Earth and hereafter. Remove the curse of "rebellion and disobedience" from all evolutions in the Earth, upon Its surface and in Its atmosphere. Thank you! Blessed Prince of the Heavenly Host! We accept Your intercession upon our behalf and that of all life and we accept Your Friendship in our own worlds today and forever. Amen!

(The general content of the following prayer is given daily in the communal service of one of the great religions and Beloved Archangel Michael Himself has said that this daily recognition of Him by these devout people through the centuries is greatly responsible for His Presence and that of His Protecting Angels in the lower atmosphere of Earth.)

Blessed Michael, the Archangel! Defend us in the hour of conflict! Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of both seen and unseen evil forces. Restrain them. O God, we humbly beseech Thee — and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, remove from the atmosphere of Earth

all the evil spirits who roam about the world seeking the ruin of souls . . . SO BE IT!

*In the etheric realms over Central Europe is a Focus of Beloved Archangel Michael, as well as in the Canadian Rockies.

THE PROTECTING ANGELS

Glorious Angelic Beings, usually from the Legions of Lord Michael, have volunteered to serve the mankind of Earth in their long pilgrimage back to the Father's Home. These Beings are usually clothed in beautiful electric blue robes (blue being the natural color of protection). Some, Who serve in particularly discordant vibrations, wear shining armor, similar to that worn by the Knights of the Round Table; and even Their Great Lord, Prince Michael, has often been seen in such an armor, with the visor over His Shining Face, cutting souls free from distress of every kind. These souls are not always embodied individuals but are often those who have passed through the veil called death and who, through abnormal attraction to the Earthplane, refuse the glories of Heaven — preferring to satiate their particular lusts and passions through embodied individuals, plaguing those whom they feel have done them seeming injustice on Earth, or sapping the vitality of those whom they have loved (selfishly) while in embodiment. Many, many, good people in embodiment obsessed with the desire to drink, to use narcotics to excess, or indulge in abnormal lusts of the flesh, are merely the "tools" of such dis-embodied individuals. Often, one with the capacity to see beyond the veil of ordinary human sight, can and does see such a dis-embodied entity riding upon the back of some such plagued soul, goading him on to harmful excesses. The dis-embodied one actually enjoys the results of these excesses through absorption, leaving his instrument (the individual in embodiment) exhausted in mind, body and soul.

It is to these who are so plagued and distressed that Lord Michael and the Protecting Angels come at the call of anyone who knows of Their Presence and believes in Their existence and desires to see such people cut free from such individual harassing experiences.

The Protecting Angels usually carry Shields of Light upon which is emblazoned the Shining Emblem of the Cross of Christ. They also wield beautiful Swords of living blue flame which They

use in cutting the lines of evil force around "obsessed individuals" on Earth or in the atmosphere of Earth, (the psychic realm). These Swords of Blue Flame are fashioned after the magnificent Sword of Blue Flame which the Archangel Michael Himself designed, brought into manifestation, and wields twenty hours out of the twenty-four in the atmosphere of Earth in the cause of freeing of God's children from distress.

When people are cognizant of Lord Michael and His Protecting Legions, they are responsible, whenever they see distressing conditions of mind or body, for invoking the assistance of such Angelic Ministration and Protection. It matters not what the condition, nor who the person may be, if there is distress and limitation, those who want to be "co-workers" with the Angelic Host must seize every such opportunity and call on the Angelic Host to assist them in setting such imprisoned and distressed life free. Then rely upon the power and efficacy of Archangel Michael and His Legions to do the work! Try it and prove it for yourself through practical endeavor!

A far more pleasant task of the Protecting Angels is to guard the little children on Earth from harm. From the time of conception, through the experience of birth and early childhood, a Protecting Angel from Lord Michael's Legions is always present. Young children often see these Shining Presences and, until the incredulity and scepticism of their elders pollute their innocent minds, they accept and enjoy the companionship and protection of their Angelic Guardians. Later, when they have become infiltrated by the so called "logic" of the mature? ? ? minds of their parents, guardians and teachers, they reject their Angelic Friends and all this beautiful association is laid to the "fantasy" of childhood, along with the belief in fairies and Santa Claus. This is unfortunate because the belief and acceptance of the individuals so guarded and protected make it possible for the Angelic Beings to come closer and closer to the individual but the disbelief and rejection of Their Presence creates a shell around the individual shutting out much of the happiness and beauty of the Angelic Beings. Of course there are exceptions where the newly embodied soul brings into Earth experience a remembrance of the Angelic Host and where the parents and guardians of such souls are themselves sufficiently evolved to accept, respect and sustain this association between the Guardian Angels and the children. This was true in the case of Beloved Mother Mary, Whose whole life was guarded and protected by the Angelic

Presences, and Who not only respected Jesus' awareness of Them but increased His love, reverence and capacity to accept Their assistance throughout His entire embodiment.

Angels are primarily trained in OBEDIENCE. Thus, when They are called in the Name of God, They come. When They are rejected, They go. Man has little concept yet of how much his own feeling about the reality of the Angels affects His relationship to Them.

The Guarding and Protecting Angels are always busy watching over and assisting the ten billion souls belonging to Earth's present evolution (although about only three and one-half billion are embodied at one time). The other six and one half billion are *alive* in some particular Heaven or Hell (beyond the veil called death) learning the lessons of obedience to God's most Holy Will — harmony, peace, beauty and perfection. Therefore, it is not enough to pray for the so-called "living" but for the so-called "dead". The bland and somewhat comforting acceptance that because a person has "died" he is living with God and the Angels as well as the acceptance by the agnostics that there is no life after death, has minimized the importance of praying for those who have departed this life. Some of these require prayer and assistance even more than embodied individuals. To these, the Angels of Protection also minister, guide, direct and serve. In your prayers remember all those who have passed through death in your calls to Lord Michael and the Protecting Angels as well as your fellowman who still walks the path of Earth!

The Protecting Angels vary in size and capacity to serve, depending upon Their Own evolution. For instance, the Protecting Angels of a mother and child do not require the energy, power and constancy of service that the Protecting Angels of an entire race, a nation or a planet are called upon to possess. Conservation of God's energy is one of Heaven's Laws and every Celestial Being is delegated to the service which He has fitted Himself to render. The Protecting and Guardian Angels of individuals are younger in experience and will graduate, as They complete Their missions, to greater and greater service. Thus it is a service upon the part of mankind to ALLOW the Angels to GROW through the experiences They have with mankind. From the smallest Angel Who lives securely in the bosom of the Father, to the greatest Cosmic Archangel, there is always growth, development of consciousness, power and efficacy of service. Mankind

closed the door (for the most part) to the assistance of the Angelic Host by rejecting Them through disbelief in Their existence and mission. Mankind, therefore, is *now* required to open that door of their own free will, until the Angels walk and talk again with all men, can be seen with their physical sight, and re-assume Their companionship and collective service with the human race! Will you not become one of those who invite the Angels to be your friends and so assist in Their evolution as well as your own! Thank you so much!

THERE IS NO DEATH

It was Shakespeare who said — "There are more things in Heaven and on Earth, Horatio, than are dreamed of in thy philosophy."

No one "knows it all". This world is a vast schoolroom and Jesus is one of the Headmasters still. He did not relinquish His task that day on Bethany's Hill when He ascended beyond our ken, nor did He lose His power of speech or expression. He still speaks through those who will listen, and instructs those whom He has elected to carry on His work in bringing mankind to a knowledge of the Father of all.

Jesus said, "I go (or ascend) to My Father and yours". In the Bible He also states, "I and the Father are One", and in another place He declares, "The Father is greater than I" and "I go to prepare a place for you that where I Am there ye may be also", which proves, if we are to believe His words, that life does not end with death. Man lives on and on beyond the grave. Furthermore (believe it or not) he returns to Earth at intervals to continue his education, just as the child is moved forward from class to class as he assimilates that portion of knowledge which makes up the various grades. Jesus also asserted this when He told His disciples that John The Baptist was in truth Elias and He further said (knowing their ignorance) "if ye can receive it."

Our lessons are learned through experience while we still walk the ways of Earth. Our hells and our heavens are of our own making and are experienced here. Death is a surcease from Earthly troubles and experiences as well as hereafter. The Soul is the real entity that lives in the body and it is the Soul who is called home. The personality is called "the outer man" who is often unaware of his identity as a *Soul.* The Soul is

what is referred to as the "consciousness" and it is this consciousness that survives after death. No one dies. When an individual is born of God it lives on eternally with God. One might ask "If such an individual is born out of the Heart of God why then does he not express perfection *now?*" This question will be taken up in an early issue.

THERE IS NO DEATH!

There's no death in all creation—
O, believe it — friend of mine!
Then accept life everlasting —
God's great gift to all mankind!

Face to face shall you behold Him—
Source of your own life and love;
For eternal life you're destined
In the Father's Home above!

There's no death in all creation —
But there's balance—ebb and flow;
Life's expression ever changes
As the Seasons come and go!

So one day shall you behold them—
All you've loved who've gone before;
Happiness in such reunion
Is God's gift for you in store!

There's no death in all creation —
Such a thing could never be!
Life is God — without cessation —
Living on eternally!

Face to face — O joyous moment—
When we meet our loved ones there;
They — remembering — still love us
And they hear our every prayer!

There's no loss in all creation —
Never let the tear-drops start;
There can be no sepaartion
In God's life which beats each heart.

Face to face shall you behold them—
Beautiful beyond your dream;
There they live in Heaven's splendor,
In Love's happiness supreme.

Face to face shall we behold them—
There, there is no veil between;
Living God's great Truth forever —
We shall see as we are seen!

Then be grateful, joyous, happy—
As your loved ones are set free!
God has greater joys awaiting
Then the human eye can see!

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These words may be sung to the hymn-- "Face to Face"

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SO LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Each of us came forth in the beginning a Divine Spark from the Heart of God, an individualized Divine Intelligence, capable of thought, feeling, and action, and endowed by the Divine Progenitor with that certain inalienable right of freedom to outpicture according to the Divine Pattern within the heart. Thus does the Light of God expand through each of His children. Each human being, therefore, is a "Sun" of Light radiating a specific God Quality for the blessings of his fellowman. That he may be temporarily hiding his Light under a "bushel" so that his radiation is not perceived by the world about him, does not lessen the fact that he is a potential "Sun".

Down through aeons of time has each one come carrying within his heart not only the privilege to let his light shine, but also the responsibility.

The theatre of expression for some ten billion of us Spirit Sparks, is the planet Earth, created in the beginning a veritable Garden of Eden. Other planets in this and other systems — galaxy upon galaxy — are Universities of Experience where other children of God are learning to expand their Light. But the Earth is the particular classroom to which we have chosen to come to learn lessons in applying the Cosmic Law of love, mercy, kindness, justice, etc.

Some of us have come to inspire faith, courage, strength, illumined obedience, spiritual humility, and respect for God; others have come to radiate wisdom, understanding inspiration; others tolerance and forbearance; some to outpicture fortitude, constancy, and spiritual endurance; some concentration and consecration to service for God and man; others are endowed with the gifts of piety, reverence, and grace; while still others offer spiritual dignity, poise and balance. Now these are the qualities we would be expressing were we radiating our Light as true "Suns" of the Father in Heaven.

In the beginning of our sojourn upon the Earth we did outpicture the Divine Plan; we saw clearly the vision; we walked and talked with the Angelic Host; we had no other desire than that God's Will be one with our will; His Light radiated through us.

The time came, however, in the history of this humanity when we offered to play host to less evolved lifestreams who did not keep pace with the advancing civilizations of their own Home

Stars. These "orphans" when they came to live with us brought their own shadows with them. Like a contagious disease their discordant thoughts and feelings spread and were absorbed by the once harmonious and happy Earth people. Our Light radiated with less and less brillance, until we finally found ourselves submerged under an inverted "bushel" of distortion — want and fear, discord and disease, lethargy and covetousness — and we remained, embodiment after embodiment, a people with warped vision, severed from our former associations with the Host of Heaven.

For century after century have we been content to live under this "bushel" of our own human creation — our own self-will. We have come to accept and rely upon our own man-made powers that limit, distress, annoy and bind us. We have builded, thereby, momentums of fear and uncertainty into our mental and feeling worlds. We live under the constant threat of the shadows of our own imaginings, until we have anchored our faith in the illusions of our own vampire creations — rather than having faith in God as the only Power that can act.

"But," you say, "haven't we advanced greatly over the past few centuries? Look at our inventions — our speed of communication and transportation, our research in science — our beautiful buildings."

Yes, true, in a way we have improved our utilitarian conveniences. But so did they on Atlantis before us. Their material progress reached a zenith of development. Airplanes carrying passengers and freight operated on a regular schedule much as our motor vehicles and trains do today. To them electricity as a power was primitive. A finer force, an etheric force, was harnessed to manipulate their mechanical devices. So highly skilled were they in telepathy that rebellion. crime, and perjury were readily detected. By this means people were controlled hypnotically by force of will. Of course, all this absence of love, and grace, and ethical feeling, one toward another, led to disintegration. In a day and a night the last remaining island of Atlantis, Poseidonis, with its sixty-five million people sank beneath the waves. Civilization is not safely built, nor can it be measured by utilitarian accomplishments alone.

Only as we become selfless and pure without thought of personal power or aggrandizement; only as self-will gives way to God's Will, shall we again become true "Suns" of the Father. Then again will we be able to mold form by thought and feeling

from etheric substance, heal the sick, restore sight to the blind, and walk upon the waters as did the Master, Jesus.

"Ah," you say, "but Jesus was Divine."

So are we — potentially. It is only that we have smothered our Divinity by the "bushel" of human creation that our Light does not shine.

Did not this very Master, Jesus, point out, "I say ye are Gods." And again. "These things that I have done shall ye do also and greater things than these shall ye do."

The Presence of God with all His Glory is anchored within each beating heart, waiting to externalize the perfection, beauty, harmony, health, opulence, and magnificence of the Kingdom of Heaven. Either the Inner Presence is allowed to flow forth through the mental, emotional, etheric, and physical vehicles of Its creation, expanding the Kingdom, or It is ignored and the outer consciousness continues to experiment with God's gift to life to create limitations that seem so distressing to the outer self. We must try to relinquish all power to the Presence that beats the heart.

We have built with centuries of experimentation with the use of life, momentums of strengths as well as momentums of indulgence and weakness. The requirement of the hour is to purify our feelings, thoughts, memories and physical bodies, so that the glorious momentums we have builded in the past can pour through us with their gifts and blessings.

No matter what the temporary appearance may be that dims the light of our Inner God Presence, we know that the Presence is within each soul, and sooner or later the talents and capabilities of the lifestream will break through the prison doors of indifference and lethargy spreading gifts upon the altar of humanity for the enrichment of all life.

Each, however, must lay his own gifts upon the altar. The mastery, powers, talents, and momentums of another never give lasting peace to the individual. The development of one's own mastery over energy, substance, circumstances and environment does give lasting peace and is the only reason for the incarnation of each of us upon the Earth; as well as our sojourn at Inner Levels between embodiments.

Why does the Presence of God seem so ephemeral, so unreal, so difficult to endow with the faith of the personal self? Because through the Ages the outer consciousness has endeavored to live

without Its counsel, guidance, and friendship. We must set the Presence of God to work in every detail of our individual lives. Then expect It to respond. Cultivating, developing, and sustaining an active comradeship with the God-Self within the heart reaps great rewards. It builds momentums of faith, illumination, tolerance, purity, scientific (but spiritual) formulas which can never fail, healing power, and conscious powers of transmutation. The Presence of God is within each of us *now*. It is our privilege and obligation to set about our personal pilgrimage to find Him and set Him to work through us.

Then the "rebirth" referred to by Beloved Jesus takes place and the Divine Pattern of the lifestream is fully externalized through the outer personal self, even as the oak tree is externalized through the acorn.

Every man is a potential Christ. It is expedient to have Christ men and women walking the Earth, able to do what Jesus was able to accomplish — feats of mastery over substance, energy and vibration.

If we could but understand the importance of guarding, protecting, and purifying our consciousness, and the still greater activity of offering that consciousness without reservation to the Almighty Host of Heaven, we would find that like the sunbeams reflected through a crystal, it becomes even more beautiful in its outpouring. Such a consciousness permitting the Cosmic Christ expression, becomes a radiating center through which that Christ Consciousness may flow in ever intensifying power, until the very aura of the individual would automatically heal, illumine, purify and raise all energy that touched such an one's sphere of influence, (the hem of one's garment).

We take the gifts of a new day too lightly. When we perceive that creative thought-force and energetic feelings can and will mold out of today's life whatsoever we will, we begin to realize that we are no longer the victim of yesterday's errors, nor the unconscious creator of tomorrow's chains. Today is the Day of Opportunity!

From out of the centuries of darkness, the planet Earth and Her people are now standing upon the threshold of a Light that shall never again be extinguished, but become the Cosmic Eternal Day, in which the fullest manifestations of perfection for the Planet, Its humanity, and the planetary chain will be abundantly evident.

For the Light IS here — buried in the hearts of the people. Through every lifestream that Light shall blaze, which is the answer to the Cosmic Law's demand. Within every heart the Spirit shall arise — throw off the shadows that have dimmed the Radiation of Its Natural Estate and become also a contribution to the Light of the World.

Hasten, therefore, to remove the "bushel" of human creation of the Ages and "so let your Light shine that all may see your good works and glorify your Father Which is in Heaven."

WHY "LOHENGRIN"?

She was paler than usual, evasive, and had the appearance of guilt, when she entered the palace gate from a stroll in the near-by forest.

"You have made way with him!" was the observation of her guardian, Telramund; "You have made way with him so that you, yourself, may attain the throne of Brabant!"

Elsa did not answer. So many times she and her younger brother, Godfrey, had taken these long walks through the palace woods, and she was quite as much bewildered as anyone over his sudden disappearance — he not even returning to accompany her home.

This in the mid-tenth century, when Henry the Fowler, king of Germany, beset by his enemy Hungarians, had come with his Saxon nobles to Antwerp to obtain assistance of the vassal Duchy of Brabant, to march against the common enemy.

"What goes on here?" the king inquired of the acting Count Telramund. "What is the reason for so much confusion at the court?"

"The strange disappearance of Godfrey! No one knows what has become of him — no one, that is, except his sister, Elsa! She returned to the palace without him — and refuses to explain his strange disappearance. The two children, you know, were given into my keeping by their father, the Duke of Brabant, when he left the physical body. At the same time he appointed

me regent until Godfrey came of age. Now Elsa has naturally rid herself of him so that she with some secret lover may usurp the throne. But no stranger shall assume control in my place," explained Telramund, with no little agitation.

"God will send me a defender," said Elsa, when she was brought before the king for trial. "A knight will champion my cause. I have seen him in a vision. He is clad in shining armor and is stately of bearing. He it is who shall defend the right and he it is whom I shall marry."

"And where is this warrior?" queried the heralds, when no one stepped forth in response to their summons.

"You see it is false, all of it!" cried Telramund with assurance. "No knight comes to rescue her."

"Make the call once more," implored Elsa of the king. "He must come. I know he will come."

Suddenly, silently, and without in any way being heralded, a strange sight appeared on the river Scheldt — a warrior in shining armor approached the shore. He held the golden reins that guided the swan-drawn boat in which he rode.

Elsa could not move; the king was amazed; Count Telramund was nigh overcome with fear; Ortrud, his wife, was terrified.

The knight, having dismissed the swan with the boat, respectfully approached the king, telling him that he had come to defend the maid who had been accused with ill intent.

"May I be your champion knight?" he courteously addressed Elsa.

Overcome with joy, Elsa pledged her life to him if he won the combat.

"Make me one promise," said the knight, "that under no provocation will you ask my name or from whence I came."

"I shall keep the *faith*," promised Elsa, as they pledged their lives together.

Approaching Telramund, the stranger accused the count of false charges. "Beware!" warned the henchmen of the regent, "your challenger is not of Earth."

"I intend not upon withdrawing," the unscrupulous nobleman replied.

The king struck his shield as a signal for beginning.

Telramund was soon laid low.

Amid shouts of praises to the victor, the knight offered to spare the life of his victim.

No happier moment had Elsa ever known.

Telramund, now reduced to beggar status, taunted his wife for encouraging the combat.

"I know his secret," replied Ortrud. "It is by enchantment that he has conquered. But should he reveal who he is and from whence he came, his magic power will be broken. I shall attempt to gain her good graces by feigning repentance."

As Elsa in joyous reflection appeared on the balcony of the Kemenate, Ortrud approached her, wailing that she meant no harm, and pleaded for forgiveness.

Elsa, too intent upon her coming marriage, thought not to question the intrigue of the would-be penitent.

"Act not with too great haste," Ortrud cautioned Elsa. "You know not the object of your affections. Do not be deceived by appearances. How can you trust one who has not confidence enough in you to reveal to you his identity?"

"*Faith,*" replied Elsa, "removes all idle curiosity."

Ortrud, now forgiven, and restored to royal status, awaited the bride as she, with her retinue, descended the steps of the Kemenate on their way to the cathedral.

"I shall force you to give up your place," said Ortrud to Elsa. "I shall no longer submit to one who does not even know the name of the man she is to wed."

"I have absolute *faith* in his honor," replied Elsa, rebuking Ortrud.

"He is but an imposter," retorted the tempter with disdain.

"I intend that he shall reveal his true nature," said Telramund to his henchmen, as he watched King Henry with the knight and his followers proceed from the palace. Breaking from the crowd, he cried out in frenzy, "Who is this strange sorcerer, and from whence does he come?"

Seeds of suspicion were beginning to take root among the members of the crowd. Elsa, herself, was confused. Doubt had struck a telling blow.

Led by the king, the bridal pair mounted the cathedral steps, although it was with difficulty that Elsa controlled her emotions as she continued on into the church.

Not until immediately after the wedding ceremony, did the knight notice a change in the bride's manner. "What has suddenly depressed you?" he inquired, speaking her name.

"That you knowing my name can call me Elsa, and I, not even knowing your name, cannot speak it."

"Only believe in me is my only request — in return for my deep affection."

"But at least from whence did you come?"

"From Heaven's Realm to rescue you and win your love and trust."

"Surely, then, a native of the Realm of Heaven, you cannot long remain — on Earth with me. I see already in my mind's eye the close approaching of that fair mystic swan to carry you once more to that bright land from whence you came. — But tell me who thou art! Remove the mystery — lest I be driven mad with doubt and fear."

During this most fateful moment of Elsa's despair, Telramund with four of his henchmen approached, this time with swords drawn to make way with the mysterious "usurper" of the throne.

Seeing the danger, the knight struck the fatal blow, this time making no effort to prolong the life of the evil one.

Hailed now by the king and his nobles as the new sovereign of Brabant, the young victor is expected to lead his people against the enemy of the land.

"I am not come to lead you," he said. "I have come to bid you adieu, for Elsa, treachously led into doubting me, has broken her vow, and has demanded to know my name, and from whence I have come. I am Lohengrin, son of Parsifal, and one of the knights of the Holy Grail. And now I must depart; for, a knight of the Holy Grail can remain to redress wrong, and to help the innocent *only* as long as the secret of his power is not revealed."

Malicious Ortrud, gloating over her victory, relaxed her enchantment, changed the swan into Godfrey again, explaining that it was through her magic power that Godfrey had seemingly disappeared. "Had you remained faithful," she said sneeringly to Elsa, "but for one year, your brother would have been freed from the secret spell."

As Lohengrin knelt beside the river Scheldt, a dove appeared to draw the boat, taking the knight away — as mysteriously as he had come.

Surprise at Godfrey's return brought temporary surcease of sorrow to Elsa, but the loss of her true knight so overcame her that she fell lifeless in her brother's arms.

Many times do writers of prose, poetry, and drama catch a glimpse of an immortal idea meant to teach mankind a more than ordinary lesson. But too often it is taken by the reader as

just another bit of entertaining literature. Such is true of the opera, "Lohengrin". It is primarily a story of *faith*. Elsa, an applicant for initiation into an understanding of the deeper mysteries of life, appeals to the Court of Heaven for such initiation. Lohengrin, her Divine Complement, and teacher, offers to give her the Spiritual assistance she needs. He could help her *only* if she could accept him without doubting. She *does* accept him at his true worth, and the mystic marriage takes place. Then come the tempters, Telramund and Ortrud to instill doubt into the aspirant's mind. In the case of Elsa, they are successful. She therefore, forfeits the right to have the presence and help of her Spiritual Teacher. Her brother, Godfrey, remains to assist her in a lesser capacity, until at some future time, unshakable faith would lift her above all doubt and uncertainity, to the attainment of Immortal Life. Mercy released her for the time being from the body, and her consciousness returned to the Realm of Reality, where her spirit was renewed and strengthened, giving her greater assurance of outpicturing the God Quality of *Faith* during her later Earth pilgrimages.

ANGELS IN ART

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

MICHAEL (like unto God) is the Captain-General and Leader of the Heavenly Host; the Protector of the Hebrew nation, and the Conqueror of the hosts of hell; the Lord and Guardian of souls, and the Patron Saint and Prince of the Church militant. His attributes are the sceptre, the sword, and the scales.

When the Archangels are represented (in art) as such, without reference to Their distinctive offices, They are in complete armor, holding swords with the points upwards, and sometimes bearing trumpets also. They are of a twofold nature, since They are Powers, as are the Princesdoms, and fulfill the duties of Messengers and Ministers, as do the Angels.

The Hebrews believe that Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, and Uriel sustain the throne of God. The first three are reverenced as saints in the Catholic Church; and Their divine achievements and celestial beauty have been a fruitful inspiration to painters and sculptors, resulting in the creation of many immortal works of art.

The Archangel Michael is reverenced as the first and mightiest of All created beings. He was worshipped by the Chaldeans, and the Gnostics taught that He was the Leader of the Seven Angels Who helped to create the universe. After the Captivity the Hebrews regarded Him as all that is implied by the Prophet Daniel when he says, "Michael, the Great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people." It is believed that He will be privileged to exalt the banner of the Cross on the Judgment Day, and to command the trumpet of the Archangel to sound; it is on account of these offices that He is called the "Bannerer of Heaven".

As Captain of the Heavenly Host, it devolved on Michael to conquer Lucifer and his followers, and to expel them from Heaven after their refusal to worship the Son of Man. He is often called the "Great Warrior Angel".

St. Michael is represented in art as young and severely beautiful. In the earliest pictures, His drapery is always white and His wings of many colors, while His symbols, indicating that His conquests are made by spiritual force alone, are a lance terminating in a cross, or a sceptre. Later, it became the custom to represent Him in a costume and with such emblems as indicated the nature of the work in which He was engaged; and except for wings, His picture might often be mistaken for that of a celestially radiant knight, since He is clothed in armor, and bears a sword, shield, and lance. But His Seraphic wings and His bearing mark Him as a Mighty spiritual power; and this impression is increased, rather than lessened, when in all humility He is in the act of worship before the Divine Infant, Jesus, or stands in reverent attitude near the Madonna, as if to guard Her and Her Heaven-sent Son.

The representations of St. Michael as the Lord of Souls, though less numerous, are very interesting. In some votive pictures He appears as the Protector of those who have struggled with evil, and gained a victory. In such pictures the Angel has his foot upon the dragon (evil), or holds a dragon's head in His hand, and bears the banner of victory. Again, Michael is represented with His scales engaged in weighing the souls of the dead; in such pictures He is unarmed, and bears a sceptre ending in a cross.

In pictures of the Assumption or Glorification of the Virgin, if St. Michael is present, it is in the office of Lord of Souls, as the legends of the Madonna teach that He received Her Spirit, and

guarded It until It was again united with Her sinless form.

As Lord of Souls it is taught that St. Michael conducts the spirits of the just to Heaven, and even cares for their bodies in some instances. The legend of St. Catherine of Alexandria teaches that her body was borne by Angels over the desert and sea to the top of Mount Sinai, where it was buried; and later a monastery was built over her sepulchre. In the picture of the "Translation of St. Catherine", St. Michael is one of the four Celestial Bearers of the martyr saint.

In rare instances St. Michael was represented without wings. Such a figure standing on a dragon is a St. George, unless the balance is introduced. When the Archangel stands upon the dragon with the balance in His hand, He appears in His double office as Conqueror of Satan and Lord of Souls.

Since the Archangel Michael was made the Guardian of the Hebrew nation, He was naturally an important actor in many scenes connected with their history. It was He Who succored Hagar in the wilderness (Genesis xxi., 17), Who appeared to restrain Abraham from the sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis xxii., 11). He led the Israelites on their journey out of Egypt. The Jews and early Christians believed that God spake through the mouth of Michael in the Burning Bush, and by Him sent the law to Moses on Mount Sinai. When Satan would have entered the body of Moses, in order to personate the prophet and deceive the Jews, it was Michael Who contended with the evil one, and buried the body in an unknown place, as is distinctly stated by Jude . . .

It was Michael Who put blessings instead of curses into Balaam's mouth (Numbers xxii., 35), Who was with Joshua in the plain of Jericho (Joshua v., 13), Who appeared to Gideon (Judges vi., 2), and delivered the three faithful Jews from the fiery furnace (Daniel iii., 25). This last subject is one of the earliest in Christian art, and was a symbol of the redemption of man by Jesus Christ. There are still other like offices which St. Michael filled as the Protector of the Jews, while several important works are attributed to Him in the Apochrypha and in the Legends of the Church.

For example, in the apochryphal story of Bel and the Dragon, it is related that when King Cyrus had thrown the prophet Daniel into the lion's den, and he had been six days without food, the Angel of the Lord appeared to the prophet Habakkuk in Jewry, when he had prepared a mess of potage for the reapers in

his field, and the Angel commanded Habakkuk to carry the potage to Babylon and give it to Daniel.

"Then Habakkuk said, 'Lord, I never saw Babylon; neither do I know where the den is.' Then the Angel of the Lord took Habakkuk by the hair of his head, and set him in Babylon over the lion's den; and Habakkuk cried, saying, 'O Daniel, Daniel, take the dinner which God hath sent thee,' — and the Angel again set Habakkuk in his own place."

In the legends of St. Michael we read that in the sixth century, when the plague was raging in Rome, and processions threaded the streets chanting the service since known as the Great Litanies, the Archangel Michael appeared, hovering over the city. He alighted on the summit of the Mausoleum of Hadrian and sheathed His sword, from which blood was dripping. From that hour the plague was stayed, and from that day the Mausoleum, which is surmounted by a statue of the Archangel, has been called the Castle of Sant' Angelo.

The legends also give an account of two appearances of St. Michael when He commanded the erection of churches; one at Monte Galgano, on the east coast of Italy, and the second at Avranches in Normandy. The first site was found to cover a wonderful stream of water, which cured many diseases, and made the church of Monte Galgano a much frequented place of pilgrimage.

The church in Normandy is on the celebrated Mont Saint Michael, and is famous in all Christian countries. From the time when the Angels appeared to St. Aubert, the bishop, and commanded him to build the church, this saint was greatly venerated in France, and was made patron of France and of the order which St. Louis instituted in His honor.

The pictures of St. Michael announcing to the Virgin Mary the time of Her death, bear so strong a resemblance to those of the Annunciation, that it is necessary to remember that these have the symbols of a palm on a lighted taper in the hand of the Angel, instead of the lily of the Archangel Gabriel, as is seen in the beautiful picture in the Florentine Academy.

The legend relates that on a certain day the heart of Mary was filled with an inexpressible longing to see Her Son, when lo' and Angel clothed in light appeared before Her, saluting Her, and saying, "Hail, O Mary! blessed by Him Who hath given salvation to Israel! I bring Thee here a branch of palm gathered in paradise; command that it be carried before Thy bier in the

day of Thy death; for in three days Thy soul shall leave Thy body, and Thou shalt enter into paradise where Thy Son awaits Thy coming." Mary answering, said: "If I have found grace in Thy sight tell Me Thy name, and grant that the Apostles may be reunited to Me, that in their presence I may give up My soul to God. Also, I pray Thee, that after death My soul may not be affrighted by any spirit of darkness, nor any evil angel be given power over me." And the Archangel replied: "My name is the Great and Wonderful. Doubt not that the Apostles shall be with Thee to-day, for He Who transported the prophet Habakkuk by the hair of his head to the lion's den, can also bring hither the Apostles. Fear Thou not the evil spirit, for Thou hast bruised his head, and destroyed his kingdom." And the Angel departed, and the palm branch shed light from every leaf and sparkled as the stars of heaven.

And the duty of the Archangel was thus fulfilled until He should again appear as Lord of Souls to receive the Spirit of the Virgin, to guard It until It should again inhabit Her sinless body.

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PEACE

The Magic Key to Health, Supply and Harmony

The attainment of Peace solves all problems of health, supply and harmonious relations. One of the ways to attain it is by the enunciation of the word PEACE, orally or mentally — but in both cases feelingly, understandingly and from the right standpoint. This is due to the fact that according to science, physical and metaphysical, we live and move and have our being in a world of vibrations. These are in the physical realm positive or negative, peaceful or rebellious, harmonious or discordant.

I

Let us take up first what is meant by feelingly, understandingly and right standpoint.

To declare Peace *feelingly*, you must put *Love* into it, that

is, you must love Peace, and when you love Peace you tune rapidly into Peace, because the law is that to succeed in any endeavor — in this case the attainment of Peace — you must love the endeavor.

To declare Peace *understandingly*, you must use *Wisdom*, you must know that the word Peace uttered, thought or felt, produces vibrations of a high peaceful rate, acting as a magnet to attract like vibrations. When you say, think or feel Peace, images of Peace come to your mind, as when you say, think or feel War, images of War come to your mind. This is due to the vibrations of thought and feeling which fulfill the law of attraction.

To declare Peace from the *right standpoint*, you must put Power in your command by rising above any problem to the consciousness of the Omnipotence. Omniscience and Omnipresence of God — good perfection — and from that standpoint, from that consciousness issue your command.

II

Now that you know what is meant by "feelingly, understandingly and right standpoint" and that life is expressed through vibrations, the task of attaining Peace is simple. You only have to address the low negative, rebellious or discordant vibrations of any problem and command them: PEACE, BE STILL! and put in their place the higher vibrations of Peace and Harmony. Two opposite rates of vibrations cannot coexist at the same time in the same place. The presence of light puts darkness to flight.

So you see, by using the three attitudes of feeling, understanding and right standpoint you unconsciously use Love, Wisdom and Power, which are the three aspects of God which He used for His creation; and which are yours too — yes, yours, as the inner spiritual man that you are, made in His image and likeness, and which when you use you can manifest Peace in places of discord, just as God manifested light in place of darkness.

The elimination of sickness, lack and discordant relations from your life is relatively easy if you know, not intellectually alone, but in your own consciousness, that these are the results of rebellious, discordant vibrations, which have to be substituted by peaceful and harmonious thoughts and feelings.

III

Now, in the light of these general statements, let us consider specific cases, such as sickness, lack and discordant relations.

The first thing you have to do is to establish yourself on the right standpoint of Omnipotence, Omniscience and Omnipresence of God and all His Qualities, which on invocation manifest through you. Then address the rebellious and discordant cells or nuclei of thoughts and feelings which constitute the problem, and issue your command.

In a case of *sickness,* COMMAND: "Peace, be still! *Life* which sustains me, *now* clears away all fear, worry and discomfort, and *now* establishes perfect health in my mind, feeling and body". Visualize this in action.

In a case of *lack,* COMMAND: "Peace, be still! *Truth* that makes me free, *now* clears the way of doubt, lack and limitation, and *now* opens the channels of abundant supply from every direction towards me". Visualize this in action.

In a case of *discordant relations,* COMMAND: "Peace, be still! *Love,* which solves all problems, *now* clears the way of antagonism, criticism, envy and dominion, and *now* makes me feel sincerely friendly and loving to all I contact. *Love, now* also makes others feel sincerely friendly and loving towards me". Visualize this in action.

The above Commands may be used also in the third person to help others.

Here again, you use three synonyms of God, Life, Truth and Love, which are yours too, as His image and likeness, and which enable you to manifest health in place of sickness, abundance in place of lack, and harmony in place of discord.

Those who really want to attain Peace should follow a daily discipline, which each one — knowing his or her weaknesses and fortitudes — can elaborate for himself or herself. A specimen of such a discipline is suggested here.

IV

Ten Rules to Attain Peace

(Simple sentences that have oriented others)
In relation to yourself

1. Eliminate Fear of every description from your life. Remember the Oriental proverb: "The plague killed 5,000; 50,000 died of fear".

2. Act always as if you were enjoying, at that moment, the greatest victory of your life.
3. Live in constant expectation of good, from every direction.
4. Daily make a list of your blessings, and feel grateful for them.
5. Reverse every discordant thought and feeling, and turn it into a thought and feeling of peace.

In relation to others

1. Remember the words of Confucius: "Make happy those who are near, and those who are far will come".
2. Make it a daily business to love those whom you dislike.
3. Never feel resentful for ingratitude to you. Serve for service's sake and forget it.
4. Praise where praise is due, but neither flatter nor consent to be flattered. In the first instance, you release your God-given dignity; in the second, you become arrogant.
5. Never entertain a thought, a feeling, a gesture that annoys another; substitute it for a thought, a feeling, a gesture that gives joy to another.

AND YOU WILL ATTAIN PEACE

MORNING PRAYER

Thank Thee, Lord, for this new day
In which to try to live Your way —
As rested eyelids open wide
And steal a glimpse of life outside.

More strength, I pray, to do Thy Will
As Love descends my Cup to fill;
Upon my path paint arrows bright
To guide my steps from wrong to right.

Release such wisdom unto me
That human faults I may not see.
I know you now for what you are —
These frightening shadows have no power.

So let me boldly chart my course,
With Love and Light the only force
To do this day what must be done.
I Am prepared — My Victory's won.